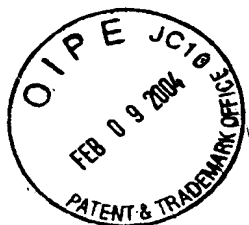


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Case Docket No. 7349

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Roselle et al. Confirmation No. 9723

Serial No.: 09/831,778 Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: May 14, 2001 Examiner: H. Pratt

Title: Microorganism Reduction Methods And Compositions For Food

1. ☒ [X] No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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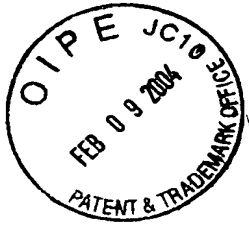
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3. ☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 11/17/03 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 11/17/2003, please amend the application and consider the arguments in support of patentability.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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